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28th ANNUAL CONVENTION

PORTLAND, OREGON

NOVEMBER 9-11, 1976

Mark your calendar for these dates and plan to attend the 28th Annual Convention for a program of interest and inspiration for all our members.

The Board of Directors picked Portland for the convention site remembering the excellent meeting we held there in 1970 and we are all looking forward to seeing a lot of our members from the Pacific Northwest states.

Here NFRA members will find an excellent hotel, Sheraton-Portland, designed for their comfort and pleasure with bus service direct to and from the Portland Airport and lots of free parking for those driving. Across the street is the famous Lloyd Shopping Center.

A special feature for members and guests attending the convention will be a chartered bus tour to and dinner on the 2nd evening at Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

The October issue of the NFRA NEWS will have a convention preregistration form and a room reservation card. Everything is being done to make registration convenient for NFRA members and guests.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

The convention is not all play however and general sessions and division meetings will be the order of the day. Special guests are being invited to address the full membership at the luncheons and dinners. Again we will have the honor of having Zane G. Smith, Jr., Director of the Division of Recreation, USFS, Washington, D. C. as a guest speaker.

There will be two meetings of the Board of Directors and members are reminded that these are open meetings for all to attend.

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WASHINGTON REPORT

Two major pieces of legislation affecting permittee operations on federal lands at this time do not appear to have much chance of final passage in this 94th Congress.

On July 21, the House of Representatives passed the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, HR 13777 (April-June NFRA NEWS '76) by a narrow margin of 169 to 155. The final report from the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs on May 13 was also close, 20 to 16 for passage.

As the House and Senate approach a conference committee over this bill, a statutory grazing fee is emerging as the principal dispute. The House bill (HR 13777) contains such a provision; the Senate bill (S 507) does not. "The conference may well deadlock on a grazing fee," said a Senate Interior Committee source. If the conference deadlocks, the legislation will be finished for this year.

The Senate Interior Committee approved legislation (S 2125) (June NFRA NEWS '76) June 23 to revise the Forest Service system of granting and administering permits for commercial outdoor recreation facilities and activities on public lands.

The full Senate passed this legislation (S 2125) July 2. After the bill sponsor, Senator Floyd Haskell (D-Colo.) gave a brief description of the bill and its purpose, the Senate accepted it without debate and by voice vote.

Passage of similar legislation in the House this year may not be possible. Time is short for hearings, subcommittee drafting, full committee drafting, etc. Too, confusion over whether the House Agricultural Committee or Interior Committee controls national forest legislation may require dual consideration of the proposal.

H. R. 6670, known as the "leasing bill," and authored by Congressmen Harold T. "Bizz"

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FOREST SERVICE STAFF PERSONNEL CHANGES

Four new Regional Foresters have been named to direct Forest Service Regions headquartered in Missoula, Montana (Region 1); Denver, Colorado (Region 2); Albuquerque, New Mexico (Region 3); and Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Region 9).

Steve Yurich, who was Regional Forester in Region 1 has been selected to succeed Jay H. Cravens as Regional Forester in Region 8. Jay was recently assigned to the Washington, D. C. office (June NFRA NEWS). Succeeding Steve in Region 1 will be Robert H. Torheim, formerly Deputy Regional Forester in Region 6, Portland, Oregon.

Craig W. Rupp, formerly Deputy Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region in Denver has been promoted to Regional Forester for that Region, succeeding William Lucas who retired earlier this year (April NFRA NEWS).

Milo Jean Hassell, formerly Deputy Regional Forester for the Southwestern Region headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico, has been promoted to Regional Forester for that Region, succeeding William D. Hurst who recently retired.

Five changes have taken place in Region 5, California Region. Everett L. Towle, Forest Supervisor of the Inyo National Forest has been transferred to the Washington Headquarters with the Fire Management Staff.

Gary E. Cargill, Forest Supervisor of the Stanislaus National Forest since September 1972, has been promoted to Deputy Regional Forester of the Southwestern Region 3 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Robert P. Spivey has been named Deputy Forest Supervisor of the Sierra National Forest. For the past two years, Bob has been District Ranger of the Shasta Lake Ranger District, one of the most active Ranger Districts in the United States. He attended the 1975 NFRA Annual Meeting.

Roy Droege, District Ranger for the Pineridge District on the Sierra National Forest is going to Washington, D. C. to serve on the Recreation Staff, and Tom Whear, former District Ranger of the Lee Vining District of the Inyo National Forest, has been appointed District Ranger for the Pineridge District.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

1976 Officers for the Holland Lake Summer Home Association in Montana are President John Bielenberg, Helena, Montana; Vice President James L. C. Ford, Carbondale, Illinois; and Secretary-Treasurer Ludvig G. Browman, Missoula, Montana.

New President for the Tieton Recreation Association in Washington is Willard W. Whitman, serving again as Vice President for the Association is John H. Vandiver, and Mrs. John H. Vandiver is repeating after several terms as Secretary-Treasurer. All of them are from Yakima, Washington.

Serving as 1976 Officers for the Whitney Portal Corporation on the Inyo National Forest in California are President Carl Robertson, Anaheim, California; Vice President Robert Jones, Lancaster, California; and Secretary Mrs. Barbara Leach from West Covina, California.

Stephanie Wright, Madera, California, is now serving as Secretary for the Western Unit of the High Sierra Packers Association.

The August issue of TRAVEL & LEISURE has a feature article titled - "Mountains and Men" with a subtitle - "Mulepacking in the High Sierra" and is the story of Floyd and Russell Fike, father and son, and their operations at the D & F Pack Station at Huntington Lake in the Sierra National Forest.

Two NFRA Packer Directors made the news in early August when Karl Smith of the historic Muir Trail Ranch in the Sierra N. F. and Bob Tanner, operator of Reds Meadow Resort in the Inyo N. F. arranged a press release dealing with the lack of summer visitors due to government news releases warning of water shortages, fire hazards and contamination in the high country. This was picked up by UPI and went statewide and now visitors are once again enjoying the back high country.

Dode Hershey, Dode Hershey Guide and Outfitter, has moved from Albuquerque to Pecos, New Mexico.

Have you sent us your Forest neighbor's name, address and zip so we may ask them to join you in the NFRA?

A WELCOME THANK YOU

(The following note was recently received from one of our Cabin Owner Individual Accounts with their dues payment.)

"Never has \$6.00 been spent to better advantage. We are deeply appreciative of all the hard work!"

Lois and Ted Wellington

CONVENTION PROGRAM (From Page 1)

Tuesday - Nov. 9

- 11:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Registration
- 2:00 p.m. Opening General Session
- 3:00 p.m. Division Meetings (open)
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting

Wednesday - Nov. 10

- 9:30 a.m. Division Meetings
- 12:00 noon Luncheon Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
- 3:00 p.m. Bus Tour leaves for Dinner Meeting at Timberline Lodge

Thursday - Nov. 11

- 9:30 a.m. Division Meetings
- 11:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 12:30 noon Luncheon Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Division Meetings
- 3:30 p.m. General Session
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting and Installation of Officers
- 8:30 p.m. Adjournment

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WASHINGTON DIRECT CONTACT

FUND NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

This is a repeat, yes repeat message.

We have said it before and are saying it again by direction of the NFRA Board of Directors - we need your financial support from every segment of membership to make the Direct Contact Fund a success.

As previously stated, some organizations, needing funds for Washington Representation, assess their members in varying amounts, but the NFRA has held to a position of voluntary contributions and yours is needed now.

The total contributed this fiscal year is \$676.00, up from \$596.00 as reported in the June NEWS.

We want to thank the following members who are added to our roll of donors:

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*** Third contribution this year 1976.

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FOREST PLAN SPARES MT. LEMMON TOWN

(The following is taken from a story in the ARIZONA DAILY STAR, Tucson, Tuesday, August 3, 1976, courtesy of NFRA Treasurer Joe A. Wilhoite.)

Most of the Mt. Lemmon community of Summerhaven has been spared the bulldozer in the final proposal for future management of the Catalina unit of Coronado National Forest. Only 17 of the 248 privately owner summer homes on Forest Land in the Catalina would be eliminated in 10 years, although the others might eventually be eliminated.

The proposal distributed yesterday by the U.S. Forest Service, is now open for 30 days of public comment before an official land-use plan is prepared, according to Coronado National Forest spokesman Steve Plevel. A proposal to raze Summerhaven, a private business and residential community, was made last year in the Forest Service's draft environmental statement.

After listening to public comment on the draft proposals, the Forest Service decided to leave most of Summerhaven in private ownership. The controversial proposal to eliminate all 248 private cabins on Forest Service land has been modified from the draft report.

Originally, 36 cabin owners would have been given a 10-year limit on their use of the land. This has been reduced to the following 17 cabins: four at Soldier Camp, one at Marshall Gulch, six in upper Sabino and six in middle Sabino.

The remaining 231 cabins would have 20-year use permits with a review in 10 years to see if an additional time extension were possible.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It is time again to introduce new members and this time they are all in the Home Owner Division.

From Rio Vista, California, we welcome Charles F. and Doris E. Marsh, who have a cabin in the Toiyabe National Forest.

New members in the Stanislaus National Forest are Mrs. John Monahan of Fremont, California, and Alfred and Lois Schraeder of San Jose, California.

From Big Meadows (private land) in the Sequoia National Forest are Jay and Grace Kupelian of Visalia, California.

New members in the Pine Creek Tract Improvement Association on the Cleveland National Forest are Victor M. and Madeline E. Hawkins, La Mesa, California and from Chula Vista, California, Kenneth Hewitt.

New members from Soldier Camp Permittee's Association on the Coronado National Forest are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew B. Marum from Tucson, Arizona.

WASHINGTON REPORT (From Page 1)

Johnson (Dem.-CA) and Don H. Clausen (Rep.-CA) is of similar nature (June NFRA NEWS '75) and this bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands, and to-date no hearings have been held on the bill.

Time is very short and with a recess for Labor Day, September 3-7, and the projected adjournment date of Congress is October 2, and with absences due to election campaigns and other factors, quorums for committee meetings have been and will continue to be difficult to achieve.

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